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SUBJECT: DOMSAT CASE

1. INDONESIA EMBASSY TELEPHONED DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY 16 TO ASK WHETHER DEPARTMENT HAD ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT INVESTIGATION BY JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OF DOMSAT ALLEGATIONS. EMBASSY UNDERSTOOD THAT SENATOR PROXMIRE WAS WAITING FOR RESULTS OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATION BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER SENATE BANKING COMMITTEE SHOULD TAKE FURTHER ACTIONS. EMBASSY NOTED THAT JAKARTA WANTED TO KNOW STATUS OF INVESTIGATIONS SINCE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS EMIL SALIM WAS SCHEDULED TO ISSUE STATEMENT ON DOMSAT CASE ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

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2. JUSTICE HAS INDICATED TO DEPARTMENT THAT INVESTIGATION IS STILL IN A PRELIMINARY STAGE BUT THAT IT HAS DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH FULL INVESTIGATION ON A PRIORITY BASIS. JUSTICE INDICATED THAT IT WOULD WELCOME DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI OFFICIAL REPRESENTING MINISTRY OF JUSTICE ON A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO DOMSAT CASE. JUSTICE HAS STATED

IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY HOPEFUL IF GOI WAS ABLE TO SEND JUSTICE MINISTRY LAWYER WHO SPEAKS ENGLISH IF GOI IS INTERESTED IN ENTERING SUCH AN AGREEMENT.

3. ANY SUCH AGREEMENT WOULD BE ALONG THE LINES OF AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN IN LOCKHEED CASE, WITH PROVISIONS PROHIBITING THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION EXCEPT IN THE COURSE OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION.

4. JUSTICE ALSO INDICATED THAT IT WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH INDONESIA GOVERNMENT REFERRING IN PUBLIC STATEMENT TO THE FACT THAT AN INVESTIGATION BY JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WAS UNDER WAY AND THAT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WAS PREPARED TO MEET WITH GOI OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

5. FYI. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH JUSTICE DEPARTMENT THAT THEIR INVESTIGATION IS STILL VERY MUCH IN A PRELIMINARY STAGE AND THAT JUSTICE DOES NOT AT THIS POINT HAVE MUCH MORE INFORMATION THAN WAS PROVIDED BY EXIM BANK. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS INDICATED THAT IT DOES NOT WANT GOI IN ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS TO INDICATE THE PROGRESS OF THE JUSTICE INVESTIGATION OR WHAT INFORMATION MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN UNCOVERED SO FAR BY SUCH INVESTIGATION. END FYI.

6. AMBASSADOR NEWSOM WILL BE MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR RUSMIN FEBRUARY 18 AND HE PLANS TO PASS SUBSTANCE OF PARAS 2, 3 AND 4 ABOVE TO EMBASSY.
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